

**The New Jersey  
Black Issues  
Convention, Inc.**

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## **WHAT IS THE NEW JERSEY BLACK ISSUES CONVENTION?**

Recognizing the need for Black people to present a unified position on issues directly affecting us, the leadership of 55 predominantly Black statewide organizations of New Jersey have joined together in a network of communication and cooperation to sponsor annual conventions at which more than 1,600 representative Black leaders from across the state can share experiences, exchange views and draft public policy recommendations. The New Jersey Black Issues Convention, Inc. (N.J. BIC) is constituted as a united, representative organization uniquely qualified to speak to the concerns of the 1,036,825 African-American residents of New Jersey.

N.J. BIC is a state institution modeled on the basis of the National Black Leadership Roundtable, a consortium of more than 150 national Black religious, civil rights, labor, business and professional, social, fraternal, education, foreign affairs, urban and rural policy, youth, and senior citizen organizations. As a state affiliate of the Roundtable with representation on the national board, N.J. BIC is responsible for assisting with implementation of the Black Leadership Family Plan in New Jersey, especially its call for establishment of an Action-Alert Network in Congressional and Legislative Districts throughout the state.

N.J. BIC has established state issue area task forces drawing volunteers from Member Organizations to research and disseminate information on topics of concern and to plan strategies for implementation of major policy recommendations adopted by the annual convention. Caucus conventions are held in all major counties to allow more grass roots participation in N.J. BIC activities. N.J. BIC's 'Operation Big Vote' annual campaign to increase Black Voter Participation has been credited with sparking a more than 24 percent rise in Black registration and Black voter turnout since 1980.

Annual conventions, held each September since 1983, remain the focal point for the organization. National Black Leaders such as former Congressman Fauntroy of Washington D.C., all Black State Legislators and Mayors, and most Black Elected Officials and Board of Education

members participate each year. Guest appearances by the Governor, both United States Senators, and the Speaker of the General Assembly are also annual occurrences. Proceedings are carried extensively on both commercial and public TV and radio and are reported in depth by all major print media covering New Jersey and all Black media in the state.

N.J. BIC is incorporated as a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of New Jersey and is a tax exempt institution under IRS regulation 501 (c)(3). N.J. BIC is governed by a Board of Directors representing our Member Organizations and by officers elected by the Board, under rules and regulations established in our By-Laws and Articles of Incorporation.

## **INSTITUTIONAL OBJECTIVES**

The goals of N.J. BIC are fourfold:

- To implement the 'Black Leadership Family Plan' through predominantly Black statewide organizations;
- To convene an annual statewide convention wherein critical issues affecting the Black community can be discussed, pertinent policy recommendations adopted, and relevant information disseminated;
- To establish a network of cooperation and communication among all Black organizations in New Jersey for the regular exchange of information year-round; and
- To organize a statewide action alert network utilizing county caucuses and legislative district organizations which can rapidly mobilize public opinion in the Black community.

Neither the convention itself nor any of its instruments should be construed as a vehicle for endorsing candidates, nor as a broker for persons seeking appointment to boards and commissions or employment in state, county or municipal government.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Membership in N.J. BIC is open to all predominantly Black statewide organizations, i.e., those organizations with two (2) or more affiliates located in two (2) or more counties or which maintain a statewide perspective and statewide program of

action occurring to the benefit of African-Americans throughout the state. Organizations which qualify may submit an application for membership for approval by the N.J. BIC Board of Directors.

Membership dues and assessments are set by the N.J. BIC Board of Directors to which each Member Organization is entitled to send one representative and one alternate.

Each Member Organization is invited to help plan the annual convention by offering analyses of policy issues the organization consider priorities and by committing its resources to mobilize support for the convention.

N.J. BIC County coordinators, designated by the Board and represented on the Board by five (5) of their members elected annually, are responsible for organizing networks of cooperation and communication in each of their respective counties.

N.J. BIC County Youth coordinators, designated by the Board and represented on the Board, in the same manner, are responsible for mobilizing youth participation in a statewide Black youth organization under the aegis of N.J. BIC.

Individuals may participate in N.J. BIC activities through any of the Member Organizations, or by attending N.J. BIC functions at the local or county level; participating on local or statewide issue are task forces (or other N.J. BIC instrumentalities); or, of course, by attending the annual convention itself.

## **WHY YOU NEED US**

The New Jersey Black Issues Convention, Inc., is rapidly emerging as the representative statewide organization promoting the Unity, Survival, and Progress of all Black residents of New Jersey. We are committed to serving the needs of our Member Organizations and the constituencies they represent.

As a Member Organization of N.J. BIC, you acquire immediate access to statewide resources and linkages that few organizations could command individually. You will gain access to research data that will broaden your understanding of issues affecting the Black community. You will gain the opportunity to exchange information and organization of viewpoints with representatives of other predominantly Black statewide organizations, and you will gain access to a most powerful forum for

the dissemination of your organization's views. Through N.J. BIC, you will also gain access to national Black resources and to national Black leaders.

Seminars, conferences, and panels for Minority organization officials are convened by resource organizations to clarify issues and to develop workable delivery systems with respect to the public policy priorities of the community. Because of N.J. BIC's organizational clout and the broad-based resources of its friends and supporters, government agencies on all levels respond affirmatively to its members' requests for technical assistance programs and for informational workshops.

By these means, N.J. BIC is able to keep its membership current on trends, developments and legislation relating to major issues.

Moreover, you will want to participate with your organizational colleagues and your neighbors as part of the Action Alert N.J. BIC Communications Network established under the auspices of the Black Leadership Family Plan, sponsored by the Congressional Black Caucus.

## **WHY WE NEED YOU**

N.J. BIC is committed to bring all predominantly Black statewide organizations together so as to facilitate a unified approach through a network of communication and cooperation.

Your organization's name on the N.J. BIC membership roster adds weight to our public policy recommendations and provides the crucial assurances to both Black and White officials that the Black community of New Jersey is truly UNITED!

We seek to build an organization that does not replace any existing organization but rather supplements and unifies all of our respective efforts. N.J. BIC can also lend powerful support to any of our Organizational Members when the need arises and we will need to enlist your support for such endeavors.

The Black community of New Jersey will be heard! We need your participation. We need you! JOIN US!

**TO: NEW JERSEY BLACK ISSUES CONVENTION INC.**

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My organization \_\_\_\_\_, would like to learn more about becoming a member of N.J. BIC

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone (Bus.) \_\_\_\_\_ (Res.) \_\_\_\_\_

Bus. Address \_\_\_\_\_ Municipality \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to be placed on the N.J. BIC statewide mailing list and be considered for possible inclusion on N.J. BIC task forces.

I am enclosing a check for ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 (Amount) to help defray costs of printing and postage.

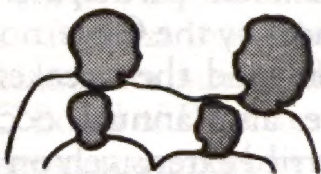
# **THE PURPOSE OF THE NEW JERSEY BLACK ISSUES CONVENTION, INC.**

## **AS CONTAINED IN THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION:**

The purposes, business, and objectives for which this Corporation is formed are as follows:

- (1) To discuss critical issues affecting the community;
- (2) To provide a regular exchange of information among the leaders of Black organizations statewide;
- (3) To implement the 'Black Leadership Family Plan' through Black organizations in New Jersey;
- (4) To make possible opportunities and resources to meet the changing needs of the community;
- (5) To develop and carry out an action plan that will have impact on policy and practices beneficial to the future welfare of the community it serves;
- (6) To work in unison with Local, State and National agencies that are performing functions to assist in the areas of health, education, economic development, social and job placement (career orientation) needs;
- (7) To conduct the work of the corporation not for profit but exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in such manner that no part of its income or property share shall inure to the private benefit of any donor, member, officer, trustee, or individual having a personal or private interest in the activities of the corporation.

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## **MEMBER ORGANIZATIONS**

A. Philip Randolph Institute, NJ Chapter  
 Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.  
 Association for the Study of Afro-American Life & History  
 Black Data Processing Assoc. of NJ  
 Black Engineering & Technology Alumni Assoc.  
 Black McDonald's Owner/Operators Assoc.  
 Black Republican Council, NJ  
 Black United Fund of NJ  
 100 Black Men of New Jersey  
 Carter G. Woodson Foundation  
 Central/Northern Jersey Chapter,  
 Coalition of Black Trade Union  
 Coalition of 100 Black Women, Inc.  
 Community Action Programs Executive Directors Association  
 Concerned Black Nurses of Newark  
 Conference of Minority Transportation Officials, N.J. Chapter  
 Essex Soul  
 Hope For Pregnant Teens  
 International Black Women's Congress  
 Majestic Eagles International of Newark  
 N.J. Alliance of Black School Educators  
 N.J. Association of Black Educators  
 N.J. Association of Black Housing Administrators  
 N.J. Black Administrators Network  
 N.J. Civic Awareness Council  
 N.J. Coalition of Black Democrats  
 N.J. Coalition of Minorities in the Judiciary  
 N.J. Council, Chartered Members, National Black Police Assoc.  
 N.J. Educational Opportunity Fund Professional Association  
 N.J. Legislative Black Caucus  
 N.J. Organization of Black Labor Leaders  
 N.J. Public Policy Research Institute  
 N.J. Rainbow Coalition  
 N.J. State Conference of NAACP Branches  
 N.J. State Council of Delta Sigma Theta  
 N.J. State Council of Urban Leagues  
 N.J. State Federation of Colored Women's Clubs, Inc.  
 N.J. United Minority Business Brain Trust  
 National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials  
 National Black Independent Political Party, N.J. Chapter  
 National Council of Negro Women, Inc.  
 National Urban Affairs Council of N.J.  
 Newark Club Frontiers International  
 North Jersey Unit of the National Assn. of Negro Bus. & Prof.  
 Women's Club, Inc.  
 Northern N.J. Black Nurses Assoc.  
 Office of Black Catholic Affairs  
 Omega Psi Phi Fraternity  
 The Centre Inc.  
 The Committee on the State of Black Health in NJ  
 The Garden State Bar Association  
 The Human And Civil Rights Association of NJ  
 UFCW Local 464A  
 United Community Corp.  
 Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

\* 1980-90 EC Comparisons ethnic / Age / Educ / no income  
long / Citizen avail. /

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✓ Luis Caban \* NY 20 [redacted] interested  
Bouena First

✓ Pat Drake / Michele Danbo [redacted] Comm of  
✓ doesn't have that info, gave me [redacted] Reg. #  
Frank Salzano (Beeper) [redacted] no

✓ Maria - also vote in Newark 190, 193, 194 (14  
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all the previous info.  
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